

Malvern Home & School Meeting
Minutes – March 2, 2010

Present: Line Pinard, Marlene Bourdon-King, Jennifer Nahorniak, Leslie Rose, Vicky Tsorlinis, Nanci Harris (recorder)

Regrets: Fermer Santos, Dianne Sharpe

1. Welcome, review of minutes from Feb 2, 2010 meeting. No errors or omissions. Motion to accept minutes as read by Chris Gillis, seconded by Leslie Rose. Motion carried.
2. Student Reports: none available this evening. Line to include information in her report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Vicky reported balance of \$5244.81. There is a deposit of \$500 for the Boardwalk Ball to go out. In addition - \$510 generated in revenue from the "Getting to Yes With Your Teenager" talk of which \$200 went in honorariums to the actors. We also have received \$1000 for our successful application in the Parents Reaching Out grants. This must be spent by June 30th as per the conditions of the grant application. We also received \$186 generated by sales of Jersey Boys tickets from the Alumnae fundraising efforts.
4. Principal's Report: Line Pinard
 - ❑ Thanks to Nanci Harris for her role in coordinating the "Getting to Yes With Your Teen" workshop held in February. Event was well attended (53 parents/teachers) and well received. Thanks also to Hilary Linton of Riverdale Mediation and Malvern parent for presenting that evening. Information was timely, helpful and there is much interest in a Part Two of the session. Nanci will follow up.
 - ❑ A big thanks to Vicky Tsorlinis for the donation of baskets for the Peer Leader Silent Auction fundraiser which was held at parent/teacher interviews.
 - ❑ Thanks to Angela Wall, Vicky Tsorlinis and Leslie Rose for the fundraising they are doing on behalf of the Boardwalk Ball. We are way ahead this year in this regard! But donations for both the Dutch and Silent auctions are still needed.
 - ❑ Safe Schools report:
 - i. Current issues relate to garbage in the halls and kids throwing snowballs. 21 new Bulletin board covers have now been installed.
 - ii. Focus now is late arrivals/absences notification – be aware students might be erasing the messages prior to parents being aware of their child's behaviour. Please call the office if you suspect your child is skipping or being late and you aren't

receiving a phone notification. This effort is coordinated by Virginia Dawe. Ms. Dawe has also coordinated the hall pass system which is working well – there are fewer students loitering in the halls and less disruptions and loud talking.\

iii. School sign donated by our trustee is up and functioning outside! The location was dictated by a number of city bylaws. A camera is in place to monitor the sign during the day.

- Onward Malvern Foundation: Decisions re: what to do with the \$ raised for the pool closure last year will be made at the next meeting. Protocols are being established as is fundraising relationships between the H&S and the Alumnae.
- Renovations: June 15th – work on the pool begins – goes to September.
- Additional school fee revenue: \$ collected this past fall is approximately \$23K – parents are invited to come back to the H&S with suggestions for its use – focus tentatively on athletics and extra-curricular activities if there is additional \$ to disperse
- Parent/Teacher Interviews: went well, fewer in attendance
- Student Council/MSAA: A sportathon is planned for Thursday March 4th depending on numbers. \$ raised will go to Right to Play, Athletic Association and to support end of year activities.
- Line would like to invite a guest from Women’s College Hospital to speak about scent awareness at the April H & S. This remains an ongoing issue in addition to allergies. She will speak with staff first, then students.
- Mr. Izzo will be invited to come to H & S to speak about the Equity Plan including the safe schools survey, Peace Week and Pink Day.
- Upcoming Key Dates:
 - i. Mar 3 – Bubble Day for course selection
 - ii. Mar 9 – PD for staff – Kathy Nunley on brain development – grant received for this in service, staff invited from other schools to attend, to assist in differentiating teaching techniques for various types of student learners
 - iii. Mar 26^{th from 2-3 pm} – Earth Day - lights out for one hour
 - iv. Apr 8th – EQAO Literacy Test for Grade 10 students – resources on website – www.eqao.com for more information
 - v. June 11-25th – Exams - Please note there is an issue with parents taking students out of school during the period before exams – this impacts courses whose evaluative component is only done by in-class work during this time of year– summatives are worth 30%
- VP Reports: None this evening

5. Parents Reaching Out grant / Getting to Yes With Your Teen Workshop:
- We were successful in our application for funding to host a workshop focusing on: parents helping students make responsible choices about drug and alcohol use. Looking at a panel format sometime in April or May. Money must be spent by June 30th.

- Getting to Yes With Your Teen: 52 in attendance – very well received. Excellent overview and practical strategies. Interest in Part Two – Nanci to follow up. Hilary willing to discuss. More info at next H&S meeting.
 - Have received an offer from another Malvern parent to present on this issue – Nanci to follow up

- 6. Boardwalk Ball: Angela Wall
 - Date has been changed to June 4th at Bluffers Park Marina\
 - Tickets will be \$35 each, seating is for 120 maximum and since this is Mr. Mighton's last year it is anticipated a sell out crowd. Angela will check if there is additional capacity for any outdoor seating and will explore the ability to offer non-dinner tickets.
 - Have already begun to solicit and receive donations for both the Silent Auction and the Dutch Auction – Angela has prepared letters of ask for any parent who is willing to approach their contacts for items – these letters are available from her.
 - A corporate version of the letter is also available
 - This is Angela's last year to coordinate. Linda Popielarczyk is willing to assume the role (thank you sooo much!) but would prefer a co-chair.
 - Vicky has completed 23 baskets!! And is looking for more donations – will keep messaging parents until the last minute as to what is being requested

- 7. Other Business:
 - Grade 9 Parent Book – Nanci will begin preparing in April, reviewed a list of topics, parents are welcome to give feedback – email Nanci at: jtcnharris@hotmail.com
 - Going Solo – excellent resource for students leaving home for the first time created by a parent of a former Malvern parent – a portion of sales from all copies sold will go to H&S again. Leslie Rose to coordinate beginning in April
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews – future offerings will be done via online booking! Use of a blast email sheet as a pilot.